

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

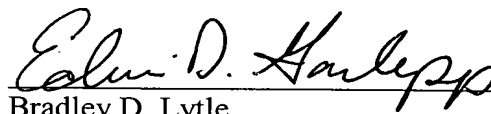
Claims 5-7, 9 and 11-14 are presently active in this case, and Claim 9 amended by way of the present amendment.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Berhane for the April 5, 2004 discussion at which time Examiner Berhane indicated that if Claim 9 were amended to include the same limitations added to Claim 5 in the December 22, 2003 Amendment, then this case would be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, supplemental to the Amendment filed December 22, 2003, Claim 9 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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